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# **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD**

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

May 14, 2015, 7:00 PM

## **MINUTES**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Sprau called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Tom Sprau, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk-excused; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Richard Harvey, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee. Connie Gibson, Trustee; Bill Woodward, Trustee; 6 present/ 1 excused.

Supervisor Sprau noted that a quorum was present.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2015 MINUTES**

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Woodward and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the April 9, 2015 minutes; as corrected. Correction to Res 04/09/15/24: designating authorized township officials to issue Civil Infraction Citations and Notices to include: Code Official.

Supervisor Sprau asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were none.

Roll Call: Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes;

6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution carried.

### **5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Steve Frisbie commented on the new mapping system and pictometry being done with the County. Costs will be covered between the 911 Dispatch Board and the County. He also addressed upcoming road work and potential starting dates in June.

### **8. REPORTS**

#### **(A) FINANCE**

**RES. 05/14/15/25**

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$338,994.56.

Roll Call: Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –excused;  
6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution carried.

**(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**POLICE:** Officer Bentley - reported on activity in the township

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger - reported on fires and activity in the township. He reminded everyone to attend the Pancake Breakfast on June 13, 2015.

**RES. 05/14/15/26**

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to agree with Chief Cochenspargers' request of Carey Holmes, to step down as a Captain and return to the rank of Firefighter.

Roll Call: Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes;  
6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution carried.

**RES. 05/14/15/27**

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to agree with Chief Cochenspargers' recommendation to promote William Woodward to Captain.

Roll Call: Shaw-yes; Woodward-abstain; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes  
5 yes, 0 no; 1 excused, 1 abstain. Resolution carried.

**(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**RES. 05/14/15/28**

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize emergency funds and capital outlay funds with a maximum amount of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) to the Supervisor and the Clerk for operations of the township to be viable.

Roll Call: Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes;

6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution carried.

**RES. 05/14/15/29**

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize B & E Security to install the access control station at Station 2 for the approximate amount of \$9,000.00. We are applying for a grant through the Michigan Par Plan; a program with funds available to Fire Departments with a match up to \$5,000.00, if approved.

Roll Call: Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes;

6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution carried.

**(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. 05/14/15/30**

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to amend the 2015 Budget for the Fire Department and the Township Board, as follows:

Increase:

Fire Department: \$ 82,465.00

Township Board: \$47,000.00

Decrease:

Fund Balance: \$129,465.00

Roll Call: Sprau- yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes,

6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution carried.

**12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

**13. CITIZENS TIME**

**14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Supervisor Sprau and supported by Trustee Shaw to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Unanimous voice vote. Resolution carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next Board meeting is June 11, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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**THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR**

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**JOYCE FERACO, CLERK**